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SUBJECT. SPAIN AND NATO

1. IN QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWING HIS LECTURE AT IISS JUNE 11, DEFENSE SECRETARY MASON WAS ASKED HOW HE SAW FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN NATO. MASON RESPONDED BY SAYING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT HE FORESAW AN INCREASE IN NATO MEMBERSHIP, MENTIONING SPAIN SPECIFICALLY. HE OBSERVED THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAD RUN INTO A GOOD DEAL OF FLAK AT RECENT DPC MEETING WHEN HE URGED DPC TO TAKE NOTE OF IMPORTANCE OF SPAIN TO NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS. BUT, MASON CONTINUED, SPANISH MEMBERSHIP AFTER FRANCO AND UNDER A LIBERALIZED REGIME WAS A REAL POSSIBILITY. MASON MADE CLEAR THAT WITH SUCH EVOLUTION IN SPAIN HE STRONGLY FAVORED SPANISH MEMBERSHIP. "SPAIN WOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN NATO", MASON ASSERTED.

2. IISS RULES STIPULATE THAT REMARKS OF PARTICIPANTS AT THEIR MEETINGS ARE NOT TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO IISS OR SPEAKER. ADDRESSEES PLEASE OBSERVE.

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